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SUBJECT: NDP STATEMENT ON ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS

1. NDP POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SEPT 10 ISSUED  
POLICY STATEMENT WHICH TOOK BOTH GOJ AND ROKG TO TASK  
FOR DETERIORATION IN ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS. NDP SAID IT  
FEARED DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS WOULD THREATEN PEACE  
IN EAST ASIA AND BENEFIT NORTH KOREA AND CHOSEN SOREN.  
PARTY CALLED ON BOTH GOVERNMENTS FOR EARLY NORMALIZATION  
OF RELATIONS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BASED ON "COOL  
JUDGMENT."

2. THE STATEMENT CRITICIZED GOJ FOR NOT ASSUMING LEGAL  
AND MORAL RESPONSIPPTY FOR AUGUST 15 INCIDENT, FOR  
GOJ'S "ABSURD" REMARKS ON KOREAN SECURITY SITUATION,  
AND FOR JAPANESE EXCLUSIVE FURTHERING OF THEIR OWN  
ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN ROK. NDP CHARGED JAPAN WITH STILL  
HAVING PRE-WAR FEELINGS OF DOMINATION OVER KOREA.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, NDP CITING ITS OWN LONG  
OPPOSITION TO NORMALIZATION TREATY, ACCUSED ROKG  
OF INVITING JAPANESE BETRAYAL BY ITS "LOW POSTURE"  
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DIPLOMACY TOWARD JAPAN FOR WHICH THE GOVERNMENT

SHOULD FEEL REMORSE.

4. COMMENT: THE NDP ALTHOUGH CRITICAL OF GOJ HAS AVOIDED BEING USED BY ROKG AS SIMPLY ANOTHER ANTI-JAPANESE PROPAGANDA TOOL. IN HOLDING ROKG ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS AND CALLING FOR "COOL JUDGMENT" BY BOTH GOVTS IN RESOLVING SITUATION NDP HAS ISSUED RELATIVELY BALANCED STATEMENT.

5. TWO SENIOR NDP ASSEMBLYMEN HAVE TOLD US THAT PARTY'S MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS IN FACT TO ISSUE STATEMENT WHICH WOULD NOT WORSEN SITUATION. ACCORDING NDP FLOOR LEADER KIM HYONG-IL MAJORITY OF NDP ASSEMBLYMENT WISHED TO ISSUE STATEMENT WITH THRUST DIRECTED AGAINST ROKG. HE SAID ONLY A FEW WANTED TO ISSUE STATEMENT EMPHASIZING ANTI-JAPANESE THEMES. ACCORDING KIM STATEMENT AS ISSUED WAS COMPROMISE BETWEEN TWO CONTENDING VIEWS.  
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